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SUBJECT: - SMITHSONIAN FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL

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1. SMITHSONIAN DELIGHTED WITH BAHIA GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION, NOW BRINGING NUMBER OF TICKETS UP TO 15 OR 16. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE BUT SHOULD MEET JAMES EARLY'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MOST BALANCED PRESENTATION AND INCLUDE ENOUGH PERFORMERS TO FILL 90-MINUTE PROGRAM.

2. EARLY'S MINIMAL PERFORMING RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD INCLUDE FOLLOWING: 7 CONDOMBLE ARTISTS (MOTHER, 3 DRUMMERS, 3 ORIXAS); 3 CAPOEIRA ARTISTS (2 DANCERS, 1 BERIMBAU); COOK; 8 SAMBA DANCERS/INSTRUMENTALISTS.

3. GOB WAS INVITED TO DESIGNATE ONE BILINGUAL FOLKLORIST TO ASSIST WITH PRESENTATION AND EXPLANATION OF THE CULTURE AND ONE BILINGUAL TOUR ADMINISTRATOR. EARLY'S REPORT UNCLASSIFIED

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HAS SUGGESTED LUIZA MARQUES OF BAHIA TURSA MAIN OFFICE WHO

SPEAKS ENGLISH, CAN EXPLAIN CULTURE AND HAS GOOD RAPPORT WITH PERFORMERS. IT WAS SHE WHO, DURING EARLY'S VISIT AND SINCE, HAS BEEN COORDINATING ARRANGEMENTS. HE

ALSO SUGGESTED MARCELINO GOMES DE JESUS OF CAHOEIRA CULTURAL DEPARTMENT THOUGH HE DOES NOT SPEAK ENGLISH. SMALL GROUP WOULD PERHAPS REQUIRE JUST ONE TOUR OFFICIAL SINCE SMITHSONIAN WILL BE ASSIGNING SOME BILINGUAL AMERICANS TO WORK WITH PERFORMERS IN WASHINGTON AND ON TOUR. OFFICIAL SHOULD SPEAK ENGLISH IF POSSIBLE. SMITHSONIAN WILL WELCOME GOB RECOMMENDATIONS THIS REGARD.

4. SMITHSONIAN WILL CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS IN WASHINGTON AND REQUESTS ADDRESSEES CONTINUE THERE TO SEEK FUNDS FOR BRINGING EARLY'S FULL RECOMMENDED LIST OF: CONDOMBLE GROUP OF 8, SAMBA DE RODA GROUP OF 10, CAPOEIRA GROUP OF 5, COOK, WOODCARVER AND 2 OFFICIALS. WOODCARVER SEEMS LEAST IMPORTANT TO OVERALL PRESENTATION.

5. REGRET ADDITIONAL CHANGE OF DATES HAS BEEN REQUIRED BUT LENGTH OF TOUR CAN BE INCREASED BECAUSE OF WIDE U.S. INTEREST IN SPONSORING BRAZILIAN PERFORMERS. WOULD APPRECIATE POST DETERMINING IF FOLLOWING REVISED SCHEDULE WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE: ARRIVE JULY 25, PERFORM ON MALL JULY 28 THROUGH AUGUST 1, FREE DAY AUGUST 2, FOUR WEEK TOUR AUGUST 3 TO 31.

6. IN ORDER FOR SMITHSONIAN TO CONTRACT WITH SPONSORS OF BRAZILIAN GROUP ON TOUR, IT MUST HAVE ASAP WRITTEN OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION THAT GROUP WILL ARRIVE JULY 25 AND WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR TWO TO FOUR WEEK TOUR FOLLOWING WASHINGTON APPEARANCE. SUCH CONFIRMATION DESIRED AS SOON AFTER MARCH 1 AS POSSIBLE, REGARDLESS OF SIZE OF GROUP. INGERSOLL

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